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Title:

STEEL BALLISTIC SHOT AND PRODUCTION METHOD

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

In keeping with the duty and candor and good faith owed to the Patent and Trademark Office, applicant wishes to make of record the items on the attached Form PTO 1449. Copies of items which are of record in the parent application (Ser. No. 09/329,475) are not included.

The present application adds additional test data (see Table 5) and is identified as a Continuation-in-Part (CIP). All claims, however, are believed supported by the parent application. There was a restriction requirement in the parent application between method and apparatus claims. The claims in the present application are generally similar to the cancelled method claims of the parent application and, therefore, the present application serves as a divisional application.

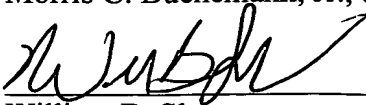
Although it is already in the record that product according to the invention has already been commercialized by the applicant, in view of the present technical CIP status, the applicant reminds the examiner that this commercialization (public use and sales) did occur more than one year prior to the filing date of the present CIP application. The commercialized product was shotshells containing shot culled from existing industrial shot production and softened via a decarburizing anneal (further details being in the record). If the examiner requires any further information the examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

The undersigned represents that the closest art of which he is presently aware has been cited herein and understands that this statement shall not be construed as a representation that

no better art exists or that a thorough patentability search has been made.

Respectfully submitted,
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